



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **SAKAI, Kenichiro**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **May 14, 2004**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 22 of this paper.